ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Suitable translations of phrases to be translated in original sentences having a high probability of obtaining natural translated sentences as sentences in a target language from the original sentences in a source language are obtained. A plurality of natural sentences, in the source language composed of a plurality of words, correlated with translated sentences in the target language is registered in corresponding translation database. When a phrase to be translated in natural sentences in the source language is specified, the corresponding translation database is searched for natural sentences containing the phrase to be translated (102). When no natural sentence completely coinciding with the original sentence is found (negative in 104), a degree of coincidence between each of the extracted natural sentences and the original sentence is evaluated, and a translation having the greatest degree of coincidence is displayed (108-112). When a plurality of natural sentences having the largest degree of coincidence is found (positive in 110), words having a high probability (correlation) of existing in the same sentence as the phrase to be translated are identified and translated sentences of natural sentences containing words having high correlation are displayed (114-118). When no natural sentences containing words having a high correlation are found (negative in 116), the original sentences are searched for words replaceable with targeted words (120-128), and the translated sentences of the natural sentences of which targeted words are replaced with the alternative words in the original sentence are displayed.